

Town of Grafton Planning Commission Minutes
Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Grafton Town Garage

Planning Commissioners Present: Eric Stevens, Liisa Kissel, Dave Culver, Kim Record, Chris Wallace, Matt Siano, Valerie Rooney, Staff present: Chuck Wise. Community Members Present: Christine Tattersall, Sam Battaglini, Charles Hooker, Carol Lind, Ron Pilette

Call to order: 6:30PM

Agenda approval

No changes

Public Comment

Ron asked if the latest version of the Town Plan is available on the website. Dave stated that every draft that gets reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission will be date stamped and added to the website.

Town Plan update

Liisa started the discussion by asking if changes to the Town Plan are reserved to technical edits/corrections or is it the intention to make changes to the content. If we are editing for content this will take more time, if we are editing for technical corrections then this should go quickly. Reviewing content will extend the timeline for completion for the Town Plan. Discussion followed.

Motion to accept the content of the Town Plan as is and only make factual, or linguistic, or punctuation corrections as necessary. (Liisa 2nd Matt) FAILED. Liisa/Matt yes. Eric/Kim/Dave /Chris no.

Dave started the process for continuing the review of the town plan. Dave did a quick overview of Chapters 1, 2, and 3 which were covered at the last meeting. Commissioners were able to successfully edit the chapters on Transportation, Energy, Education, Housing, and Recreation.

(NOTE: Edits discussed and agreed upon by the Commissioners went into a revised Town Plan that was posted on the Town's website. These minutes do not document all the various grammatical, spelling, formatting changes and factual updates. Notes are made if a substantive change was made or a revision required a vote of the Planning Commission).

Motion to remove the last two sentences in that paragraph (Ridgelines in the Natural Resources section) and add the following sentence. "Any development and road construction would also pose a risk to the fragile ecosystem, wildlife, and headwaters in the mountains." (Liisa, 2nd Matt). Liisa/Matt no. Eric/Kim/Dave /Chris yes. PASSED Amendment to the Motion above to change the word 'would' to 'could' (Chris, 2nd Kim). Liisa/Matt no. Eric/Kim/Dave /Chris yes. PASSED

Motion to change the word from would to could in the sentence “Oppose commercial or industrial development that would detract from Grafton’s unique assets, including its ridgeline.” (Chris, 2nd _____) FAILED

Dave reminded Commissioners that he will review all the edits made from this meeting and will email that copy to Commissioners as well as send a revised copy to Bill Kearns to post on the town’s website.

The upcoming special meeting will be September 25, 2018. Dave stated that the agenda will be focused on the Town Plan update. All other items such as budget development, Windham Regional Commission updates, etc. will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Dave emphasized that Commissioners need to start at the Town Government Chapter and start reviewing the Town Plan draft from there.

Unfinished business

Grafton Elementary School has a water filter in place, this makes the water safe to drink but is considered a temporary measure.

Adjournment

8:46 PM

Next regular meeting:

October 9, 2018

Next special meeting:

September 25, 2018